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SUBJ: ISRAELI PLEA TO KEEP EUROPEANS FROM NEGOTIATING

PALESTINE RESOLUTION WITH ARABS

1. DURING LATE NOV. 18 CALL BY ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH ON AMB. SCALI FOR "GENERAL REVIEW" OF PALESTINE DEBATE, IT WAS CLEAR TEKOAH HAD ONE MESSAGE TO GET ACROSS. THIS WAS THAT HE FEARED WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD AGREE TO ARAB DRAFT ON PALESTINE IN EXCHANGE FOR INCLUDING REFERENCES TO RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 ALONG WITH STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AS SOVEREIGN STATE. HE SAID EUROPEANS WERE INSUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF PERIL THAT EVEN WITH THESE CHANGES PLO WOULD INTERPRET RESOLUTION AS UN MANDATE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL STATE.

2. TEKOAH CONTINUED THAT ISRAEL WAS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO ANY PROVISION AFFIRMING PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

A PLO STATE MEANT A SOVIET STATE, AND THAT WOULD SOON MEAN END OF JORDAN. IF HUSSEIN WENT, SO WOULD

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FEISAL, AND EUROPEANS WOULD FIND THEMSELVES NEGOTIATING FOR

THEIR OIL WITH BREZHNEV. TEKOA H ASKED FOR US HELP IN  
PERSUADING EUROPEANS NOT TO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE "BALANCED"  
RESOLUTION, SINCE WHATEVER CHANGES WERE MADE WOULD ONLY BE  
COSMETIC.

3. SCALI SAID THAT US, FOR ONE, WAS NOT A PARTY TO ANY SEARCH  
FOR NEW LANGUAGE. AS DRAFT RESOLUTION NOW STOOD, HE COULD NOT  
CONCEIVE OF US SUPPORTING IT, THOUGH FINAL DECISION WOULD BE  
MADE BY SECRETARY. SCALI CONTINUED THAT BECAUSE US  
POSITION WAS NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN DRAFTING, TEKOA H'S POINTS  
ABOUT PITFALLS OF RESOLUTION WOULD COME MOST EFFECTIVELY FROM  
ISRAELIS THEMSELVES TO EUROPEANS. SCALI EXPRESSED SOME  
SKEPTICISM THAT  
ARABS WOULD ACCEPT EXPLICIT REAFFIRMATION OF 242 AND 338  
AND ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IN PEACE, AND DOUBTED EUROPEANS COULD  
ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS.

4. COMMENT: EC-NINE MISSIONS HERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING AMONG  
THEMSELVES ADVISABILITY OF ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE EXACTLY THE  
CHANGES THAT TEKOA H FEARS. PREDICTABLY, THEY HAVE BEEN SPLIT,  
WITH FRENCH AND ITALIANS FAVORING EFFORT, BRITISH, DUTCH AND  
GERMANS OPPOSING. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FRG MISSION THAT EC-NINE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED IN PARIS NOV 18 THAT PRESENT DRAFT  
WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT EUROPEANS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT TO  
ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE MORE BALANCED RESOLUTION.  
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